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PRESS RELEASE: Misawa Members Confirmed with COVID-19

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan – Two individuals in the Misawa Air Base community have tested positive for COVID-19. The current number of active cases at Misawa Air Base is 5.

The first individual is the spouse of the positive case previously identified on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020. He was already placed in quarantine following the positive test of his spouse. The second individual arrived in Japan from the U.S. on a government chartered aircraft. He was immediately placed in Restriction of Movement (ROM) upon arrival and tested positive per exit ROM procedures. Both individuals have been placed in isolation. The 35th Medical Group Public Health office has completed contact tracing and notified all affected parties, which were all in ROM status.

U.S. Forces, Japan continues to require all personnel arriving in Japan to enter ROM at their residence or a US installation for 14 days. The command also remains at a heightened level of alert and maintains a public health emergency, which applies to all personnel.

Actions required by units within USFJ during this elevated health protection status include:

- Limiting or cancelling in-person meetings, training events, formations, large social gatherings, etc.
- Monitoring conditions in areas near U.S. facilities and areas and close coordination with local health officials.
- Encouraging strict hygiene measures, including frequent handwashing and wiping down common surface areas on a regular basis.
- Implementing health screening measures at points of entry onto installations.
- Maintain a close-contact log to improve contact tracing in the event a member becomes ill with COVID-19, and to quickly isolate other potential contacts.

For up-to-date information, please continue to monitor the USFJ Facebook, @USForcesJapan, as well as Misawa AB Facebook, @MisawaAirBase.

Updates from the Centers for Disease Control are available here:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/coronavirus-japan>

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo has additional information available here:

<https://jp.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/covid-19-information/>